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Land
Lunch

Mr. Nyland: Ready?

I have ... I have now a system which will prevent me from talking too long, so I'm limited now to fifteen minutes and I have to say something in fifteen minutes which I think is extremely important for you all. Because here I am sitting, and I don't know many of you—just a little bit here and there—so I have to go by general impressions; and those who have come to the meetings so far have known that I emphasize, a great deal, ordinary life, and that it is necessary for anyone who professes to be interested in development of his Soul first has to settle affairs of ordinary life on Earth, and in that respect I think you are very, very deficient. You really don't know. You don't even know what is a common aim among people even when you come out here. You don't enter into anyone's life, practically, and I don't even dare to ask you the question: How much did you happen to think about Work this morning.

It is quite wrong. I've talked every once in a while, and you know my particular attitude toward the attempt of this Land and making it something worthwhile. I try to explain it: That for me this kind of interest should be based on a real desire for a group of people to continue to have an aim; and as I said the other day, to 'put life' into this of your own, so that when it starts to grow that actually you should get a return. That kind of attitude requires on your part much more sincerity than you have. And it is not a question of coming here with a holy face, and it is not a question of considering this a church. You are working here for a definite purpose, and the purpose is selfish because it's for you.

You want to create something if you are really serious about it, but there is no particular consideration for each other than just you happen to be, let's say, two people carrying one log. That is not the point. It's a point of considering that you bring whatever you are; also for the

others and that they, then, can profit by what your presence is; and that you give whatever you can for the sake of someone else, and that they will give you what you probably need. But you don't even know that you need it, and you're very superficial. Regarding Work, it's a serious question. I've tried to tell you that during the little period that I was here, and if you go over the different meetings and the tapes you will remember there is something that is definitely of a certain quality, and the way I say it ... I know what I say and I know how I say it, and you have no particular feeling for that.

I will give you just one instance, and it is of course a personal one. I am here, I sit in that little room, I see a variety of people. You know I'm here, everybody knows it. You know I came from New York. You know I spent the time to come here, money, energy. I was willing to do it for the sake of your growth. And here I come, where is my place.

I have to ask. You see, what's the matter with you. Who do you think I am. Not only that I'm older than you are in age but I'm very, very much more interested in Work, and have been for a very long time. And I come to help you and to tell you certain things that are of value to you, and what is your attitude. Just assuming I'm one of you? This is the lack of respect, and that permeates much of your attitude towards each other. You don't respect me. I can, let's say, 'forgive' it, but you have to respect each other and if you don't, you don't ever will work together.

Every once in a while ... and I remember a year or so ago I talked about an emotional relationship in a Group, the necessity, really, in entering into each other's life to some extent and then understanding each other. To help each other, I won't say as brothers and sisters—that's idiotic—but at least as people who want to have an aim together, and a common aim, and that they want to live for that and that they want to help each other for that purpose. This is a question of seriousness, and you are not serious enough and you're not honest enough and you're really nothing else but a little bit of superficiality. What good does it do you to come to a meeting and sit and listen. This is the opportunity for you to apply it in ordinary daily life by working together, and when I say, "How much have you Worked or thought about Work, how much when you thought did you actually Work,"—really Work—it's up to you to answer it for yourself.

And, to what extent you have a Conscience, you will know what I mean. We're talking about life, not about ordinary existence. And even preparation and working on logs and so

forth—it's fine but it's only a substitute, if you don't Work it won't help you at all. It's your attitude—that what you are as an ordinary human being—and there is a great deal that you have to do about that. Otherwise this Group will fall apart, and you know it.

So I would say this: After the meal is over, you sit for five minutes. Go somewhere by yourself, try to collect whatever thoughts and feelings you may have and see if that can affect your attitude towards yourself in this Work here, towards others who are also Working as well as they can—to the extent that they can, I hope they will work. There are two things in Work, and both can be expressed in a percentage. I have, in relation to myself, a wish that is for my growth, and I have in me also the possibility of a total growth of myself. The relationship is the sincerity of a wish at any one time, and it should be a hundred percent; the actual accomplishment of what I am in the sense of a Conscious Being, may be one percent. Both go together. It is not a question that you have to become hundred percent Conscious before you actually will understand what is the meaning of life. You start already with a hundred percent sincerity, and in that I say you fail. Why should you. Opportunities are given that you have never had before. Responsibilities are taken by a few people in order to enable you to have a chance of this kind, and they are honest and they labor. And it is still left to a few and you cannot all help, maybe, and all of you cannot always understand what is meant, and maybe it's difficult to learn how to work together.

That's why I'm saying it. It is really not in the sense of accusation; it is only to tell you that you're not there yet at all, and although I know that things have to grow, you have to have towards it a little better attitude because you're too forgetful and much too flippant. Work is not on the surface. Work is to go from ordinary life to your inner, inner essence. And when you are there, you will know; because then even you will dare to come to the outside, in fear and trembling for yourself that perhaps you may lose what, at a certain moment you felt and you knew and you experienced as sacred. If we talk about God, we mean *that*. If we talk about religion, we mean the application of that what is your inner life so that *that* can grow, notwithstanding the conditions of the outer existence.

Here is the opportunity for you, and you don't take it enough. That is why I am ... I'm really sorry. Because I say "What is the sense of coming to meetings" if you don't take from it what you need the following morning or the evening before. Or whenever you talk to those who are close enough to you to even appreciate what you are trying to tell, if it doesn't come from the

right place from you, it doesn't exist.

I hope you work this afternoon. I hope you realize what is involved. I've said many times it is a fighting for your life—your real life—based on a renaissance, and a renaissance is that what is born. We talked about that Christmas, we talked about it New Year's Eve. These are important days. This is the first meeting that I am here, or the first Group together out in the country in the New Year. In a couple of days I will be gone again, and you have to rely on the people who are here. That's your task, but you have to help. I'm planning to come back... Really, I don't want to come back; not under these kind of conditions; because, I say many times, why should I waste my time.

I just want to tell you that is not in anger at all, only to tell you that I, at least, consider Work extremely serious, and that without Work a Man never will become a Man. I don't care how much he cares for so-called religions and dogmas and doctrines and all kinds of systems and philosophies, it is only by Work that you make your Soul, and it's only then that God will accept you.

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